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RHEA COUNTY DAY TO CELEBRATE FUND DRIVE



The Advisory Committee Drive sign which was stretched across U. S. Highway 27 is shown as it appeared in downtown Dayton. An identical sign was used in Spring City.

Fall Bible Conference Scheduled For Oct. 19-26 OPEN HOUSE SET OCT. 18

The twenty-eighth annual Bible conference will be held for eight days this fall, October 19-26, with Dr. Edward John Carnell, president of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., and the Reverend Edgerton H. Reid '37, director of the Ohio Messianic Testimony, Cincinnati, O., as the principal speakers. The music will be under the direction of the well-known musical team, Dr. Homer Hammontree of Chicago, Ill., and the Reverend Paul Beckwith of Lansing, Mich.

The conference will open on Sunday afternoon, October 19, with a 3:00 p. m. service when Dr. Carnell will speak. Two morning sessions will be held daily, Monday through Friday, and evening sessions, Monday night through Sunday night except for Saturday. Mr. Hammontree and Mr. Beckwith will present the traditional Bible conference musicale on the second Sunday afternoon. By custom, certain of the Dayton churches dismiss the second Sunday service in observance of the Bible conference closing night. This

year Mr. Reid will give the closing message. All day services will be held in the college chapel and all evening and Sunday services at the Rhea High School auditorium. Afternoons and Saturday during the week are kept free for recreational events.

DR. CARNELL

Son of a Baptist minister, Dr. Carnell was born in Wisconsin, grew up in Michigan, and was graduated from Wheaton (Ill.) College in 1941, where he majored in philosophy under the celebrated Christian scholar, Dr. George Haddon Clark. He received the degrees of Bachelor of Theology and Master of Theology from Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, in 1944, and was ordained that year to the Baptist ministry. Dr. Carnell completed his graduate work in theology at Harvard Divinity School, receiving the Master of Sacred Theology in 1945 and the Doctor of Theology in 1948. He completed his graduate work in

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(The successful fund drive sponsored by the Advisory Committee to the Bryan Board of Trustees will be celebrated by a special Rhea County Day and Open House at Bryan on Saturday, October 18.) In honor of the day, the trustees, faculty and students will be "at home" to the members of the Committee, all workers in the drive, and all local and area donors and other friends of the college. All who participated in the campaign are especially invited to visit the campus to see what their contributions have accomplished.

The Committee raised in excess of \$12,500 to provide funds for improvements in the main building. These improvements included the completion of the college dining room and the adjoining stairwells and a portion of the main floor hall. The original estimate of the projects was set at \$15,000, but as the work progressed it became possible to revise the cost downward. Of the campaign total, only about

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

(I have not supplied a column for the last two issues. It has been surprising to me that some have missed it! Presidents' columns have a tendency to become pontifical, an error I very much wish to avoid.)

The big event of the summer was the Advisory Committee drive—not only for the physical result of money raised and improvements made but also for the more valuable goodwill and support the drive revealed for Bryan here at home. Our new schedule of late afternoon and evening classes is one way of saying thank you to the local community. The response to these course offerings has been most encouraging.

We began our work for the fall with a stimulating faculty retreat held on Walden's Ridge at the University of Tennessee Geological Camp. Our quarters looked out over the beautiful and justly famed valley of Tennessee, which provided just that calmness of setting appropriate to a real retreat. The absence of telephones ringing helped to contribute to this placid situation and enabled us as a group to unite our hearts and minds for the tasks at hand. The dean, Dr. Keefer, had arranged an effective schedule. The concensus is that the faculty retreat was a quality experience for us all. The unity of spirit and purpose among the faculty was evident as we considered the challenge of the new year and how most effectively to meet it.

Some of our topics were organization of the faculty for development of teacher certification programs, review of progress toward regional accreditation, our instructional program and how it may be improved, discussions of the student and faculty guides, and a consideration of suggestions for improvement of the total college life.

Special features of the three days were the daily devotional and prayer time, the informal social periods, the family picnic attended by some 75 faculty and their families and trustees, an evening of films related to the improvement of instruction, and the boat rides on the Tennessee River, courtesy of Mr. Birch Arnold and Mr. Ed Arnold of Dayton.

Leon Sullivan, investment broker and Christian layman of Philadelphia, spoke at the opening convocation on Sunday afternoon, September 7. The meeting was well attended and provided an inspiration for all of us as the 29th year was officially opened. At the close of his message, Mr. Sullivan led the entire Bryan family in a solemn dedication. Special music was provided by the Gospel Messenger groups and Donna Black, new instructor in music.

The busy days of registration and the beginning of classes were each prefaced by chapel, which had both a devotional and an orientation period, the latter devoted to an introduction of some aspect of Bryan life such as the academic program, the library, clubs, athletics, and Christian standards for relationships between the sexes. This double emphasis in chapel continued for two weeks.

In enrollment, it appears that we have held to last year's level, if not better, in spite of the recession-connected difficulties many of our students and applicants experienced regarding finances. Somewhere in this issue there will appear a last-minute notice as to the actual enrollment.

As we go into this new year, I bring a number of matters to your attention for prayer and action:

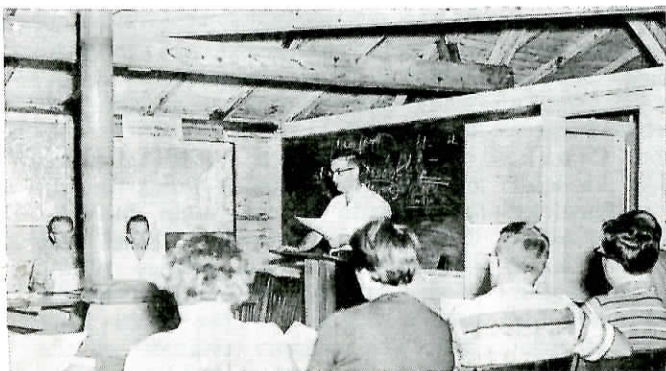
1) By October 15, we will have submitted the first preliminary application to the Southern Association. The reaction to this report by the Association evaluating committee

will provide guideposts for future action as we work for approval. We know we lack an additional \$220,000 in endowment.

2) Bryan, as many other colleges, struggles with the budgetary problems created by rising costs of operation, inflation, and the uneconomical management of a really small college. We are carrying over into this year a fiscal deficit of some \$14,000 from a year just past which saw expenses go \$35,000 beyond income. However others operate, this just cannot be for Bryan. We need your prayers for the gift support of Bryan this year. Remember that for every dollar which it costs to operate Bryan, the student pays only sixty-two cents. This means that we must raise the remainder in gifts. We have combed the new budget and cut it wherever possible, and it is expected that the Board will consider this matter further at the October meeting. Basic to all spiritual and academic success at Bryan is a sufficient economic support for continued operation. Thank you, each one, who had a part in easing the financial stress of the summer.

3) Our greatest needs—a continuing commitment to the will of God for those of us here on the campus and earnest prayer support from our friends everywhere. As we begin a new year, I remind you again of the verse through which God spoke to me when I came to Bryan: Luke 5:4—"Now when he had left speaking, he said to Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught."

Enrollment for the fall term to date is 242, with the prospect of a few additional registrations in the night school. This is slightly above last year. Full analysis of enrollment in next issue.



Dr. Keefer, the college dean, leads a discussion at the faculty retreat held at the U. T. Geological Camp on Walden's Ridge for three days prior to the opening of the fall term.

In Memoriam

Jeanette LaVerne (Howland) Tedder

Born: December 30, 1925, New London, Ohio

Died: June 19, 1958, Independence, Missouri

"Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord."

Mrs. Tedder '47 was active in music and traveled with the Bryan Gospel teams in her student days. The "In Memoriam" was prepared by Virgil Sorge '44.

OPEN HOUSE

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\$300 remains in pledges yet to be paid. When this amount is in, together with a few other assured gifts, the cost of the project will be completely met.

The Advisory Committee is composed of representative Rhea County citizens, twenty-four at present, who organized just a year ago. The Committee met for the first formal session last June at the same time the college trustees met. In this meeting they accepted the challenge to raise money to make the building improvements which are now a reality.

Officers of this Committee are C. P. Swafford, Dayton attorney, chairman; Condon Wasson of Spring City, former principal of Rhea Central High School, vice chairman; and William Shaver, executive vice president of the Dayton Bank and Trust Company, secretary. Russell V. Stansbury of Dayton was chairman of the general solicitation campaign.

In commenting on the drive, Dr. Mercer, Bryan's president, paid highest tribute to the Committee and the workers. He said, "The results have been most gratifying even to the most optimistic among us. Too much cannot be said in praise of the members of the Committee and of the some sixty workers who rang doorbells to make the drive go over the top. The opportunity of working in the drive was an exhilarating experience for me."

After six weeks of planning and hard work by several committees, the general campaign got under way on July 14 with the merchants' committee "Buy and Build for a Better Bryan Week" and the house-to-house

solicitation. The merchants' committee week was supported by sixty-five merchants of the county who pledged 1% of gross sales for the week of July 14-19. Each cooperating merchant was identified with a window placard, and purchasers were given with their sales ticket a slip carrying the campaign slogan as a reminder that a portion of each purchase would go to the drive.

July 13 was observed as Bryan Sunday in a number of Rhea County churches, with attention being called in some manner to the drive. Bryan literature was made available for distribution. No solicitation, however, was made of the churches.

Other aspects of the drive and its promotion included advance gifts solicitation by a special committee, five fifteen-minute promotion programs, courtesy of Dayton's Radio Station WDNT, full-page ads in both Dayton and Spring City papers devoted to the merchants' campaign, and a drive for the rural areas of the county operated through the community clubs. All major work of the building program was completed by the opening of the fall term, with the finishing touches now being added.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

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philosophy at Boston University, receiving the Ph.D. in 1949. While in New England, Dr. Carnell served three years on the faculty of Gordon College and Divinity School, and was appointed in 1948 to the faculty of the seminary founded by Dr. Charles E. Fuller of the Old-Fashioned Revival Hour fame. In 1954, Dr. Carnell succeeded Dr. Harold John Ockenga as president of Fuller Seminary.

Dr. Carnell is the author of five

books, the first of which, **An Introduction to Christian Apologetics**, won the \$5,000 first prize for the Eerdman's Evangelical Book Award Competition. His other books are: **Television: Servant or Master? The Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr. A Philosophy of the Christian Religion, and Christian Commitment.**

In the five morning sessions, Dr. Carnell will give a series on "Christian Fasting," a topic which he feels is a neglected Biblical theme and the key to much unhappiness in America. His evening series will deal in five separate messages with various aspects of the Scriptural doctrine of Adoption.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER

Mr. Reid is the third annual alumni missionary speaker on the Bible conference program. Previous alumni representatives were Solon Hoyt '43, last year, missionary to Argentina; and Ian Hoy '50 in 1956, missionary to Nigeria. Mr. Reid's topics will find their focus in the teaching of the Scriptures concerning a Christian witness to the Jew. The Ohio Messianic Testimony was founded in 1929 by Mr. Reid's father, the late Reverend W. T. Reid, for twenty-one years a medical missionary doctor in Korea under the former Southern Methodist Church.

MUSICIANS

This will be a third engagement at Bryan for the Hammontree-Beckwith musical team. Dr. Hammontree, who was born in Greenback, Tenn., is known as the singing evangelist. He was a member of the Moody Bible Institute staff for many years and worked with servicemen during both wars. Mr. Beckwith served eleven years with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, working among college students. Mr. Beckwith is both musician and evangelist.



Dr. Carnell



Beckwith and Hammontree, Bible conference musical team, are shown in action.



Mr. Reid

Alumni News

by Rebecca Peck

HOMECOMING

The sixth annual fall homecoming for Bryan grads and former students will have a full three-day program, October 10-12, with activities introduced at the 10:50 a. m. chapel hour Friday when alumni members will provide the morning's program for the students and faculty.)

Alumni visitors will have opportunity to attend classes and talk with students during Friday, and in the evening will be entertained at a student musical recital followed by an informal reception.

Saturday's schedule will begin with the traditional breakfast on Johnson's Bluff. Following the devotional period, alumni will return to the campus for a morning sports event and lunch. The annual business session of the year will be conducted in the afternoon by retiring President Richard McIntosh, who will introduce the new officers for 1958-59. To conclude

the day, faculty will join alumni for an informal reception and get-acquainted period.

Sunday's schedule calls for attendance at one of the local churches and "chicken dinner at home" with the Bryan family. The closing event of the weekend will be the vesper program in the college chapel at 3:30 p. m.

The classes of '38, '43, '48, '53, and '58 will be given special recognition on this anniversary of their attendance at Bryan.

The current alumni project, which will be concluded in October, is the improvement of laboratory facilities and equipment for the chemistry department. Alumni gifts for the year have reached nearly \$1,300, of which about \$1,000 will be available for the special chemistry project.

ALUMNI POLL

In a recent poll of alumni opinion regarding the advisability of changing the name from Bryan University to Bryan College, 81% of those responding favored the suggestion as being more realistic, whereas 19%, mainly for sentimental reasons, objected to

the change. Alumni also voted on the adoption of a proposed **Alma Mater** composed by Virginia Nye of the class of 1960, with 77% approving its use. The 23% who objected will be better satisfied when they know this composition is not intended to replace the school hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers."

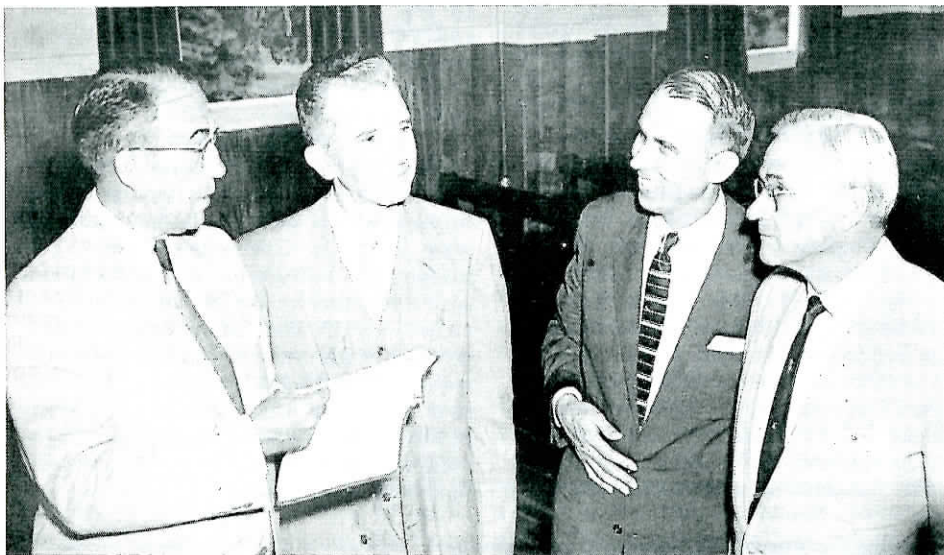
SECOND GENERATION

BRYANITES

With the alumni association now coming to the mature age of twenty-four years since the first class graduated at Bryan, second-generation students will be contributed in more substantial numbers in years to come. This year Russell Llewellyn, son of Sara (Idleman) '39 and Lewis Llewellyn '38 of Winter Park, Fla., has enrolled as the first child whose parents were both graduated from Bryan. Barbara Smith of Phoenix, Ariz., whose father, Wayne Smith, was graduated in 1941, enrolled as the first second-generation student in September 1952 and completed four quarters at Bryan.

Octagon Gets Facelifting

The venerable Octagon, first building completed on Bryan Hill, constructed in 1932, got something of a facelifting this summer, thanks to the efforts of the Bryan Women's Auxiliary. One BWA member provided a new roof, and the organization through its funds paid for a complete renovation of the lobby, plus improvements for the rooms. The BWA painted all the dormitory furniture, providing a pleasing uniformity to the varied collection; placed new linoleums on the floors; painted around the rugs; and repaired the ceilings. BWA is a service organization of faculty women, faculty wives, and townswomen. The Octagon improvements represent an investment of approximately a thousand dollars. Having served varied uses throughout its career, the Octagon this year houses forty men students.



Shown above are the principals of the convocation held on September 7 which opened Bryan's 29th year. Left to right: Leon Sullivan, Philadelphia investment broker and Christian layman, the speaker; Dr. Judson A. Rudd, president emeritus, who read the Scripture (Josh. 1:1-9; Neh. 2:18) Dr. Theodore C. Mercer, Bryan's president, who presided; and the Reverend Henry C. Geiger, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, director of the Children's Gospel Hour television and radio broadcast and a member of the Bryan Reference Council, who gave the prayer.

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